

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.  
02297-PA03970 U.S. PTO  
10/677540**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of ( ) application identifier or (X) first named inventor, George R. Hepburn, entitled, ADJUSTABLE SPLINT DEVICE FOR RELIEVING CONTRACTURES, for a(n):

(X) Original Patent Application.

( ) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

( ) Continuation ( ) Divisional ( ) Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
of prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

## Enclosed are:

(X) Specification; 17 Total Pages. (X) Drawing(s); 12 Total Sheets.

(X) Oath or Declaration:

(X) A Newly Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:

(X) Signed. ( ) Unsigned. ( ) Partially Signed.

( ) A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).

( ) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

( ) Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).

( ) Power of Attorney.

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(X) A Check in the amount of \$425.00 for the Filing Fee.

( ) Preliminary Amendment.

( ) Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

( ) A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed).

(X) Applicant claims small entity status.

( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**THIS NEW PATENT APPLICATION IS BEING FILED BY EXPRESS MAIL, TODAY,  
AND IS ENTITLED TO HAVE TODAY'S DATE ON THE OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT.**

Enclosed please find the following:

1. New U.S.A. patent application entitled "ADJUSTABLE SPLINT DEVICE FOR RELIEVING CONTRACTURES", including abstract, specification and claims (17 pages) and formal drawings (12 sheets), Hepburn et al, Inventors.
2. Declaration duly executed.
3. Assignment duly executed.

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4. Form PTO-1595 duly executed.
5. Utility Patent Application Transmittal duly executed, in duplicate.
6. Our check No. 01271, in the amount of \$425.00, to cover the application filing fee (\$385.00) and the assignment filing fee (\$40.00).
7. Our post card. (Please date stamp and return.)

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